

REMARKS

Claims 1-56 were pending in the present application as amended on November 26, 2003 with claims 2-6, 8-13, 16, 19-22, 24-26, 30-46, 49, 50 and 52 withdrawn from consideration, subject to election of sub-species 5 for examination on the merits. Claims 54-56 are cancelled and new claims 57-59 added herein. Reconsideration of the present application in view of the above supplemental amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

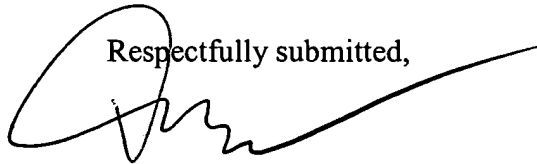
Claims 1-13, 16, 21, 22, 30, 32, 40, 42, and 51 are amended herein to clarify reference to a flow amount amplifying unit. No narrowing amendments have been made within the meaning defined in Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co., 535 U.S. 722 (2002).

New claims 57-59, by virtue of depending from claim 1, are believed allowable for at least the reasons as set forth herein above with regard to claim 1. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and a timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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